



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH**  
MAY 2004

**WHEREAS**, children are our most precious and valuable resource, and by investing in them, we secure their futures as well as the future of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota citizens recognize with appreciation individuals who provide shelter, safety and well-being to North Dakota's foster children; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota children in family foster homes are provided with safe, secure and stable homes along with the compassion and nurturing of a foster family; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota children are receiving foster care in residential settings with dedicated staff providing care, guidance and stability; and

**WHEREAS**, foster parents and facility staff provide children with an environment to help them become mature, responsible, productive adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the needs of North Dakota's foster children will continue to be met by private and public efforts, and foster parents and residential staff are recognized for the vital role they play in the lives of our youth; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2004, **CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State